

ARIZONA READY-FOR-RIGOR PROJECT / Teacher Incentive Fund (TIF3)

Program Overview

- The Arizona Ready-for-Rigor Project (AZRfR) is a \$43.8 million grant from the US Department of Education awarded from 2010-2015 to the Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College to increase student achievement, retain highly effective educators, and foster exemplary school culture in high-need school districts across Arizona.
- AZRfR utilizes the TAP model for teacher development through an evaluation system combined with embedded professional development and student outcomes.
- The project is a partnership with the Arizona Department of Education (ADE), National Institute for Excellence in Teaching (NIET), and ASU.
- During the 2012-13 academic year, 60 schools from the following 12 districts are implementing the project in Year 3
 - Avondale, Chinle, Coolidge, Deer Valley, Gadsden, Ganado, Glendale, Littleton, Mesa, Osborn, San Carlos, and Sunnyside.
- In 2012, the ASU Grant Programs Advisory Council was created with representatives from partner schools/districts, grant personnel and educational partners (e.g, Governor's Office, ADE) for quarterly meetings on grant implementation and sustainability.

AZRfR Data Dashboard

- In collaboration with the ASU University Technology Office (UTO), grant staff is developing and implementing a longitudinal data dashboard for school and grant staff to improve instructional decision making and student achievement.
- The AZRfR Data Dashboard draws student-teachers performance rosters as well as teacher rosters directly from each partner school district. Teacher observation and professional development information is pulled from the data system supporting NIET while state student achievement scores are received from the Arizona Department of Education.
- Information supporting the AZRfR Data Dashboard is presented to the project's stakeholders through a series of carefully crafted dashboard pages. These pages incorporate established best practices from ASU's nationally recognized dashboard systems. ASU consulted with Edward Tufte, Stephen Few, and Wayne Erickson in the overall design and purpose of their data dashboards.
- The AZRfR Data Dashboard uses an Oracle database and a Corda dashboard. The dashboard incorporates the Common Educational Data Standards (CEDS) practices within its data architecture. It is aware of Ed-Fi Alliance dashboard practices that help shape its own dashboard practices.